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Hi

I'm not a citizen of the USA. But I feel that in the global society we live in today this settlement effects more than the USA, indeed, I believe it affects the whole world!

I strongly urge you to not accept the settlement in it's current form. It is full of legal "loopholes" and vague language that severely limits the effectiveness in many areas.

E.g. Microsoft should be required to disclose ALL of it's (current and future) APIs (Application Protocol Interfaces) and network protocols. It should be released in a totally open way that doesn't set any limits on who's allowed to view, use and distribute the information. Be that a private person or a company, everyone should have full access to the information.

This is a crucial weakness in the current settlement.

I truly hope that you take my views in consideration.

Sincerely /Gabriel Gerhardsson, Sweden